

## Family of Lou Vicie Pierce Wright Custer Smith

**Lou Vicie PIERCE**, b. 14 Oct 1854 in Georgia,<sup>i,ii,iii,iv,v,vi,vii,viii</sup> (daughter of Andrew Jackson PIERCE and Nancy ABERCROMBIE), census 1920 in Ahsahka District (Clearwater) ID, census 1920 in Gifford (Nez Perce) ID, census 1930 in Lewiston (Nez Perce) ID, census 1940 in Lewiston (Nez Perce) ID, d. 21 Mar 1943 in Lewiston (Nez Perce) ID,<sup>7,8</sup> buried in Normal Hill Cemetery, Lewiston (Nez Perce) ID.<sup>8</sup>

On the 1860 census her name appears to be Vicatiams M. Pierce and age 10 years old. Although the age is off, the name Vicatiams appears to be a form of Vicy and the enumerater probably misunderstood the name.

Cannot find her on the 1870 or 1880 census.

1900 census (with husband John Smith) shows her as the mother of 6 children with all 6 still living.

1910 census (with husband John Smith) shows her as the mother of 4 children with all 4 still living -- which doesn't make sense with regards to the 1900 census (maybe it means 4 with John Smith, or that she had 6 children with 4 living).

Lou Vicie Smith (daug. of A.J. Pierce and Nancy Abercrombie -- both of GA) died 21 Mar 1943 in Lewiston, Nez Perce Co., ID -- parents named on death certificate.

In 1920, 1930 and 1940 she is a widow, living in Nez Perce Co., ID, and her name given as Lou V. Smith. In 1920 she is enumerated twice -- once in Nez Perce Co., ID living with daug. and son-in-law William J. and Exie Duffy, and also in Clearwater Co., ID living with son and daug-in-law Clem A. and Georgia Smith. In 1930 she is living with her daug. and son-in-law Will J. and Exie Duffy. In 1940 she was living alone, but on the same census page and same street as two of her daughters.

She married (1) 13 Jul 1871 in (Johnson) TX, **M. Lafayette WRIGHT**, b. in Texas.

**M.:** There is a marriage record in Johnson Co., TX of a Luvicy Pierce to M. L. Wright on 13 Jul 1871. Cannot find M. L. Wright, nor any Wright that matches M. L. in 1870, 1880 or 1900. However, the death certificate of his daughter Alice names him as Lafiette Wright.

She married (2) about 1875, \_\_\_\_\_ **CUSTER**.

\_\_\_\_\_: Can't find any evidence of him on census or marriage records.

The death certificate of Ora (Custer) Wellman says her father's name was George Custer. Another family tree at Ancestry.com says it was Dr. H. L. Custer. Have not found Lou Vicie (Pierce) Wright Custer

Smith on the 1880 census yet, so cannot confirm her husband's name. And have not found any possibilities for her husband Custer in primary records.

She married (3) about 1880,<sup>2,3</sup> **John Martin SMITH**, b. 1850 in Georgia,<sup>2,3</sup> census 1900 in T1N R2W (Chickasaw Nation) Indian Territory, census 1910 in Ahsahka Precinct (Nez Perce) ID, d. 6 Jun 1919 in Ahsahka District (Clearwater) ID,<sup>7,8</sup> buried in Gifford Cemetery, Gifford (Nez Perce) ID.<sup>8</sup>

**John:** Can't identify him on any records prior to the 1900 census, and so have not identified his parents or where he was born in Georgia. Don't know if he was married to Lou Vicie before 1880 or after -- since neither John Smith, nor Lou Vicie, nor either of her two previous husbands (Wright and Custer), nor any of her children have been found on the 1880 census. There is a family tree that says John and Lou Vicie also had another daughter named Edna Smith, but no vital statistics were given, and there has been no evidence of her found in any primary records yet.

- I. **Alice B. WRIGHT**, (daughter of M. Lafayette WRIGHT and Lou Vicie PIERCE) b. 22 Jun 1872 in Texas,<sup>3,4,5,6,7,8</sup> census 1940 in Lewiston (Nez Perce) ID, d. 7 May 1960 in Lewiston (Nez Perce) ID,<sup>7,8</sup> buried in Normal Hill Cemetery, Lewiston (Nez Perce) ID.<sup>8</sup>

1910 census shows that her and George had been married 20 year, and that she had no children.

In 1940 she was a widow, living alone and a housekeeper for a private family. She was enumerated on the same page of the census as her mother Lou V. Smith and sister Exie L. Duffy (all 3 living alone).

She married 1890,<sup>3</sup> **George A. KELLY**, b. 1859 in South Carolina,<sup>3,4,5</sup> census 1910 in Ogden (Weber) UT, census 1920 in Hot Springs (Garland) AR, census 1930 in Reno (Washoe) NV, d. January 1936,<sup>8</sup> buried in Normal Hill Cemetery, Lewiston (Nez Perce) ID.

- II. **Ora Louise CUSTER**, (daughter of \_\_\_\_\_ CUSTER and Lou Vicie PIERCE) b. 9 Oct 1876 in Texas,<sup>ix,3,4,5,6,8</sup> census 1940 in Myrtle Point (Coos) OR, d. 11 Mar 1960 in Myrtle Point (Coos) OR,<sup>x,8</sup> buried in Norway Cemetery, Norway (Coos) OR.<sup>10,8</sup>

1900 census shows her as the mother of 2 children with 2 living in the household.

1910 census shows her as the mother of 4 children with 3 still living -- all 3 in the household.

All censuses show oldest child Helen born 1895 in Minnesota and second child Sadie born 1900 in Idaho.

Ora Wellman was the witness on the marriage certificate of her half-sister Exie (Smith) Popejoy in 1910 to William Duffy.

In 1940 she was a widow, head-of-household and 11 year old granddaughter Marion Hoxie was living with her.

She married 1895,<sup>9,3,5</sup> **William Augustus WELLMAN**, b. 1 Sep 1874 in Dodge Center (Dodge) MN,<sup>xi,9,3,4,5,xii,8</sup> (son of Amos WELLMAN and Jennie PORTER), census 1880 in Dodge Center (Dodge) MN, census 1900 in Lewiston (Nez Perce) ID, census 1910 in Orofino Precinct (Nez Perce) ID, resided 17 Sep 1918 in Orofino Precinct (Clearwater) ID, census 1920 in Orofino Precinct (Clearwater) ID, census 1930 in Coquille (Coos) OR, d. 11 Apr 1934 in Myrtle Point (Coos) OR,<sup>10,8</sup> buried in Norway Cemetery, Norway (Coos) OR.<sup>8</sup>

- III. **Exie Lou SMITH**, (daughter of John Martin SMITH and Lou Vicie PIERCE) b. 11 Aug 1883 in Texas,<sup>2,3,4,5,6,7,8</sup> census 1910 in Ahsahka Precinct (Nez Perce) ID, census 1940 in Lewiston (Nez Perce) ID, d. 12 Jul 1948 in Lewiston (Nez Perce) ID,<sup>7,8</sup> buried in Normal Hill Cemetery, Lewiston (Nez Perce) ID.<sup>8</sup>

1910 census shows her as the mother of 1 child with 1 living.

In 1910 she was a widow (surname Popejoy) living with her parents in Nez Perce Co., ID, along with her son John Popejoy (age 2, b. OK).

She married William Duffy in Oct. 1910 and Ora Wellman was a witness on the marriage certificate.

In 1940 she was a widow, living alone and a maid for a private family. She was enumerated on the same page of the census as her mother Lou V. Smith and sister Alice B. Kelly (all 3 living alone).

She married (1) \_\_\_\_\_ **POPEJOY**, b. in Oklahoma.

She married (2) 26 Oct 1910 in (Nez Perce) ID,<sup>xiii</sup> **William John DUFFY**, b. 24 Sep 1869 in Illinois,<sup>4,5,7,8</sup> census 1900 in Big Eddy Precinct (Nez Perce) ID, census 1920 in Gifford (Nez Perce) ID, census 1930 in Lewiston (Nez Perce) ID, d. 13 Sep 1939 in Lewiston (Nez Perce) ID,<sup>7,8</sup> buried in Normal Hill Cemetery, Lewiston (Nez Perce) ID.<sup>8</sup>

**William:** In 1900 he was single and living in Nez Perce Co., ID with another man listed as a partner.

IV. **Clem Andrew SMITH**, (son of John Martin SMITH and Lou Vicie PIERCE) b. 20 Nov 1884 in Morgan (Bosque) TX,<sup>2,3,4,5,6,12,xiv,7,8</sup> census 1910 in Orofino Precinct (Nez Perce) ID, resided 12 Sep 1918 in Ahsahka District (Clearwater) ID,<sup>12</sup> census 1920 in Ahsahka District (Clearwater) ID, census 1930 in Sixes River Precinct (Curry) OR, census 1940 in Orofino Precinct (Clearwater) ID, resided 1942 in Orofino Precinct (Clearwater) ID,<sup>14</sup> d. 20 Dec 1952 in Orofino Precinct (Clearwater) ID,<sup>7,8</sup> buried in Normal Hill Cemetery, Lewiston (Nez Perce) ID.<sup>8</sup>

In 1910, Clem is enumerated as an employee (laborer) at an insane asylum in Orofino Precinct, Nez Perce Co., ID.

In 1930, Clem and Georgia were living as boarders at a logging camp in Curry Co., OR, and Georgia was a cook.

He married 1906,<sup>5</sup> **Georgia May \_\_\_\_\_**, b. 21 Aug 1887 in Texas,<sup>3,4,5,6,xv,8</sup> d. December 1973,<sup>8,15</sup> buried in Normal Hill Cemetery, Lewiston (Nez Perce) ID.<sup>8</sup>

**Georgia:** In 1910, Georgia is enumerated as an employee (waitress) at an insane asylum in Orofino Precinct, Nez Perce Co., ID. She is shown as married once, the mother of 1 child, but it does not indicate if the child is living or not. Her husband Clem is enumerated on the same page, but not listed next to her.

SSDI last residence: Kamiah, Lewis Co., ID.

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**children of Lou Vicie Pierce**

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The 1900 census says that Lou Vicie (Pierce) Smith had 6 children with all 6 living.

The 1910 census says that she had 4 children with all 4 living.

Something is not right.

We know 3 of her children:

Alice B. Wright – b. 1872 (daug. of Lou and M. Lafayette Wright)

Exie Lou Smith – b. 1883 (daug. of Lou and John Martin Smith)

Clem Andrew Smith – b. 1884 (daug. of Lou and John Martin Smith)

In 1910, Exie was living in the household of her parents John and Lou V. Smith in Idaho, but her name was Exie Popejoy and she had a 2 year old son John Popejoy (born Oklahoma). I have not found any evidence of a marriage to a Popejoy. She possible was not married to her child's father, but her surname was Popejoy when she married William J. Duffy later that year (1910) in Idaho. I did find a marriage of Exie Smith to Edwin Rice in Bosque Co., TX in 1905. This could be her, but if so she probably didn't have children from this marriage and it didn't last long before she hooked up with Popejoy.

There is also some information that shows Lou Vicie Pierce had a daughter named Ora Custer (daug. of Lou and George Custer). I haven't confirmed this yet, but it is possible. This Ora was born in Oct. 1876 in Texas and was married to William A. Wellman. They lived in Nez Perce and Clearwater Counties, Idaho in 1900, 1910 and 1920. They lived in Coos Co., OR in 1930 and 1940 and both died in Coos Co., OR.

This would mean that Lou Vicie Pierce was first married to M. L. Wright in 1871, then to George Custer about 1875, then to John M. Smith about 1880. I haven't found records for the later two marriages yet.

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In 1940, Lou V. Smith and her two daughters Alice and Exie were enumerated on the same page of the census. All three were widows, all 3 lived alone on Twelvth Street in Lewiston, ID and were each head-of-household. Exie lived in household 75 and Alice and Lou V. lived next to each of the households 81 and 82. Lou's son Clem A. Smith lived in Clearwater Co., ID

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1940 United States Federal Census  
Lewiston, Nez Perce Co., Idaho

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Name: Lou V Smith  
Respondent: Yes

Age: 85  
Estimated birth year: abt 1855  
Gender: Female  
Race: White  
Birthplace: Georgia

Marital Status: Widowed  
Relation to Head of House: Head  
Home in 1940: Lewiston, Nez Perce, Idaho  
Street: Twelfth Street  
Farm: No

Inferred Residence in 1935: Lewiston, Nez Perce, Idaho  
Residence in 1935: Same Place

Sheet Number: 61A  
Number of Household in Order of Visitation: 81

House Owned or Rented: Rented

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Name: Alice B Kelly  
Respondent: Yes

Age: 67  
Estimated birth year: abt 1873  
Gender: Female  
Race: White  
Birthplace: Texas

Marital Status: Widowed  
Relation to Head of House: Head  
Home in 1940: Lewiston, Nez Perce, Idaho  
Street: Twelfth Street  
Farm: No

Inferred Residence in 1935: Lewiston, Nez Perce, Idaho  
Residence in 1935: Same Place

Sheet Number: 61A  
Number of Household in Order of Visitation: 82

Occupation: Housekeeper  
Industry: Private Family  
House Owned or Rented: Rented

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Name: Exie L Duffy

Respondent: Yes

Age: 56  
Estimated birth year: abt 1884  
Gender: Female  
Race: White  
Birthplace: Texas

Marital Status: Widowed  
Relation to Head of House: Head  
Home in 1940: Lewiston, Nez Perce, Idaho  
Street: Twelfth Street  
House Number: 911  
Farm: No

Inferred Residence in 1935: Lewiston, Nez Perce, Idaho  
Residence in 1935: Same House

Sheet Number: 61A  
Number of Household in Order of Visitation: 76

Occupation: Maid  
House Owned or Rented: Owned

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1940 United States Federal Census  
Orofino, Clearwater Co., Idaho  
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Name: Clem Smith  
Respondent: Yes

Age: 55  
Estimated birth year: abt 1885  
Gender: Male  
Race: White  
Birthplace: Texas

Marital Status: Married  
Relation to Head of House: Head  
Home in 1940: Orofino, Clearwater, Idaho  
Street: On The Lewis Clark Highway  
Farm: No

Inferred Residence in 1935: Orofino, Clearwater, Idaho  
Residence in 1935: Same Place

Sheet Number: 4B  
Number of Household in Order of Visitation: 94

Occupation: Labor  
House Owned or Rented: Owned

Lou V. (Pierce) Smith (daughter of A. J. Pierce and Nancy Abercrombie)  
<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=smith&GSfn=lou&GSiman=1&GScid=322922&GRid=128109798&>

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John M. Smith (husband of Lou V. Pierce)  
<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=SMITH&GSfn=john&GSiman=1&GScid=2315044&GRid=127636772&>

Clem A. Smith (son of John M. and Lou V. Smith)  
<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=smith&GSfn=clem&GSiman=1&GScid=322922&GRid=128106594&>

Georgia May Smith (wife of Clem A. Smith)  
<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=smith&GSfn=georgia&GSiman=1&GScid=322922&GRid=128106922&>

Exie Lou (Smith) Duffy (daughter of John M. and Lou V. Smith)  
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William John Duffy (husband of Exie Lou Smith)  
<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=duffy&GSfn=william&GSiman=1&GScid=322922&GRid=127075340&>

Alice B. (Wright) Kelly (daughter of M. Lafayette Wright and Lou V. Pierce)  
<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=kelly&GSfn=alice&GSiman=1&GScid=322922&GRid=128406918&>

George A. Kelly (husband of Alice B. Wright)  
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Husband of Lou Vicie (Pierce) Smith

Idaho, Death Index, 1890-1962

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Name: John Smith

Birth Place: Georgia  
Birth Date: Dec 1845

Death Place: Ahsahka, Clearwater, Idaho, USA



Death Date: 6 Jun 1919

Certificate Year: 1919

Certificate Number: 026761

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Texas, Marriage Collection, 1814-1909 and 1966-2011

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Name: M. L. Wright

Spouse: Luvicy Pierce

Marriage Date: 13 Jul 1871

Marriage Place: Johnson, Texas, USA

Source: Texas Marriages, 1814-1909

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Idaho, Death Index, 1890-1962

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Name: Alice Kelly

Birth Place: Texas

Birth Date: 22 Jun 1872

Death Place: Lewiston, Nez Perce, Idaho, USA

Death Date: 7 May 1960

Father: Laffiette Wright

Father Birth Place: Texas

Mother: Lou Pierce

Mother Birth Place: Georgia

Certificate Year: 1960

Idaho, Death Index, 1890-1962

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Name: Exie Lou Duffy

Birth Place: Texas

Birth Date: 11 Aug 1883

Death Place: Lewiston, Nez Perce, Idaho, USA

Death Date: 12 Jul 1948

Father: John Smith

Mother: Lou Pierce

Mother Birth Place: Georgia

Certificate Year: 1948  
Certificate Number: 002704

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Idaho, Death Index, 1890-1962

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Name: Lou Vicie Smith

Birth Place: Georgia  
Birth Date: 14 Oct 1854

Death Place: Lewiston, Nez Perce, Idaho, USA  
Death Date: 21 Mar 1943

Father: A. J. Pierce  
Father Birth Place: Georgia  
Mother: Nancy Abercrombie  
Mother Birth Place: Georgia

Certificate Year: 1943  
Certificate Number: 133364

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<sup>i</sup> 1860 U.S. Federal Census.

<sup>ii</sup> 1900 U.S. Federal Census of Indian Territory.

<sup>iii</sup> 1910 U.S. Federal Census.

<sup>iv</sup> 1920 U.S. Federal Census.

<sup>v</sup> 1930 U.S. Federal Census.

<sup>vi</sup> 1940 U.S. Federal Census.

<sup>vii</sup> Idaho, Death Index, 1890-1962, Ancestry.com.

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viii Find-A-Grave ([www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com)).

ix 1900 U.S. Federal Census.

x Oregon Death Index, 1898 - 2008, Ancestry.com.

xi 1880 U.S. Federal Census.

xii World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918, Ancestry.com.

xiii Idaho, Marriage Index, 1842-1996, Ancestry.com.

xiv U.S. World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942 (Ancestry.com).

xv Social Security Death Index.